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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

Introductory Comments

The present paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 3, 2006. No fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees are necessary, including extension of time fees, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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